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\$54.8 Million in Transportation Improvements Make for a Safer, Smoother Commute

SB 1 funding will repair or replace highways, bridges and drainage systems statewide

SACRAMENTO – Caltrans announced today the California Transportation Commission allocated \$54.8 million for 46 projects throughout California including \$31.1 million for fix-it-first projects funded by Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. This funding will allow Caltrans to repair or replace 16 bridges, 168 lane miles and 150 drainage systems statewide. In addition, 248 congestion reducing elements will be installed, including highway message signs, cameras and loop detectors to improve traffic flow.

“As a new year begins, we continue our commitment to improve California’s highways, providing drivers with a smoother ride,” said Caltrans Director Laurie Berman. “SB 1 is not only allowing us to fix our highways and local roads, but it is also reducing congestion, which allows residents and visitors to get where they need to go more safely and reliably.”

Area projects allocated SB 1 funds include:

- Drainage Project on Highway 1 in Monterey County: \$4.3 million will replace culverts south of the Limekiln Creek Bridge. The project was allocated \$1.4 million.
- Pavement Preservation Project on Highway 68 in Monterey County: \$12.2 million will upgrade the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramps and improve 6.5 lane miles from Forest Avenue to the Junction with State Route 1 near the City of Pacific Grove. The project was allocated \$1.9 million.
- Pavement Preservation Project on State Route 1 in San Luis Obispo County: \$15 million will upgrade Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Curb Ramps and improve 13.5 lane miles from Gracia Way to the Separation with US Highway 101 in Pismo Beach. The project was allocated \$3.4 million.
- Traffic Management System Project on US Highway 101 in San Luis Obispo County:

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\$5.1 million to install vehicle detection systems, electronic message signs, cameras and loop detectors in various locations from north of Reservoir Canyon Road to the North Paso Robles Overhead. The project was allocated \$1.1 million.

The Commission also allocated more than \$13.7 million for 21 Active Transportation projects. Of these, 13 received approximately \$6.7 million in SB 1 funding to improve sidewalks and bicycle lanes and provide safer routes to school for children who ride their bicycles or walk to school.

Since SB 1 was signed into law in April 2017, Caltrans has repaired or replaced 71 bridges, paved more than 1,300 lane miles, and increased visibility for drivers by adding highly reflective six-inch striping to more than 7,000 lane miles throughout California.

To date, Caltrans has completed 90 fix-it-first projects and begun work on nearly 400 additional projects.

You can find the complete list of State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) projects that were allocated funds at the January meeting at [http://catc.ca.gov/meetings/2019/2019-01/Yellows/Revised_Complete_Book\(697\).pdf](http://catc.ca.gov/meetings/2019/2019-01/Yellows/Revised_Complete_Book(697).pdf). SHOPP is the state highway system's "fix-it-first" program that funds safety improvements, emergency repairs, highway preservation and operational highway improvements. A significant portion of the funding for this program comes from SB 1.

SB 1, the landmark transportation infrastructure bill invests \$5.4 billion per year to fix roads, freeways and bridges in communities across California and puts more dollars toward transit. These funds are split equally between state and local investments and will allow Caltrans to fix more than 17,000 lane miles of pavement, 500 bridges and 55,000 culverts by 2027.

More information and updates on projects can be found on Caltrans' social media <http://www.dot.ca.gov/paffairs/social-media.html>.

Caltrans is committed to conducting its business in a fully transparent manner and detailing its progress to the public. For complete details on SB 1, visit <http://www.rebuildingca.ca.gov/>.

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